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Terry Goddard to Discuss Internet Safety, Meth Fight in Yuma

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Oct. 18, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard will visit Yuma Thursday to make an Internet safety presentation and deliver the keynote address at the Yuma County Meth Summit. Both talks will be open to the media.

Goddard will promote online safety when he meets with some 200 students at R. Pete Woodard Junior High School from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Internet safety presentation will emphasize precautions young people should take when visiting social network Web sites such as myspace.com and facebook.com. The video presentation will include experiences of teens who have been victims of Internet exploitation.

Internet Safety is a topic of growing importance because young people are spending more time online, and many are unaware of the dangers they can encounter. A recent survey conducted by Cox Communications and the National Center for Missing and Exploited children found that 30 percent of kids between 13 and 17 years old had considered having a face-to-face meeting with someone they met online. The survey found that 14 percent actually had the meeting.

Goddard will be joined by Yuma County Sheriff Ralph Ogden and Yuma Police Chief Robby Robinson. Woodard Junior High School is located at 2250 8th Avenue in Yuma.

Following the school visit, Goddard will give the keynote address at the Yuma County Meth Summit at the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Center, 300 W. 13th Avenue. Goddard is scheduled to speak at 11:45 a.m.

The Yuma County Meth Summit is a workshop open to the Yuma community to educate residents on the consequences of methamphetamine. The goal of the summit is to develop a "Community Action Plan" and create a broad coalition to fight the scourge of meth.

The Yuma County Methamphetamine Nucleus Group is sponsoring the event. Business and civic leaders, educators, church leaders, parents, and law enforcement officials have been invited to participate in the summit.

For more information about these events, please contact Andrea Esquer at 602-542-8019.

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